

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TRAFFIC ACT

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Mr. ZIHLMAN, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany S. 4207]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 4207) to provide for the registration of motor-vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its amendments numbered 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 23, and 30.

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the House numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 31, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 4:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 4, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In the second line of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment strike out "Code of Law for the District of Columbia" and in lieu thereof insert *District of Columbia Code*; and on page 10, line 16, of the Senate bill, strike out "7" and in lieu thereof insert 8; and on page 11, line 9, of the Senate bill, strike out "6" and in lieu thereof insert 7; and on page 12, line 9, of the Senate bill, strike out "6" and in lieu thereof insert 7; and on page

20, line 19, of the Senate bill, strike out "5" and in lieu thereof insert 6; and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 7:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

On page 6, line 17, of the Senate bill, strike out "chief" and in lieu thereof insert *major and superintendent*; and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 8:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 8, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by said amendment insert *which regulations shall remain in force until revoked by the director with the approval of the commissioners* and a comma; and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 20:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

On page 12, line 16, of the Senate bill, after "hour," insert *except in such outlying districts, and on such arterial highways, as the director may designate*; and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 29:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 29, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by said amendment insert the following:

Sec 14. For the purpose of expediting motor-vehicle traffic the director is authorized and directed to designate and establish as arterial highways or boulevards such public highways as he deems advisable, to provide for the equipment of any such highway or boulevard with such traffic-control lights and other devices for the proper regulation of traffic thereon, as may be appropriated for by the Congress from time to time.

And the House agree to the same.

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Managers on the part of the Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The conferees agreed on the House amendment to provide for the changing of the code relative to jury trials and the language as inserted by the House remains in the bill.

The annual issuing of vehicle operators' permits is retained in the bill.

The speed limit established of 22 miles per hour is retained with the provision that the director of traffic may provide by regulation for a rate of speed in outlying districts and on arterial highways, which he is authorized and directed to establish.

The change of penalty provided by the House amendments relative to fine and imprisonment for fleeing from scene of accident and driving under the influence of liquor is retained.

In cases where the vehicle strikes or causes damage to another vehicle this is modified to conform to the Senate language and leaves same in the discretion of the court.

The conferees agreed on the elimination of the section providing for the impounding of vehicles, and on the section relating to arterial highways or boulevards. The provisions of the House amendment designating certain streets and avenues as arterial highways is eliminated and the director is authorized and directed to establish such highways.

The Senate provision for 100 additional privates for the Metropolitan police force is retained.

On minor amendments to the bill relating to the change in the hours of court, and an increased personnel for the police court, the House provisions are retained.

The other amendments are of a clerical nature.

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